

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Andrew Hagerty on 6/4/2008.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The application has been amended as follows:

1. In claim 1, in line 9, after "**efficacy**", **insert** -- and wherein the skin-adhering polymer and thickening agent are different --.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1 and 8 and claims dependent upon them are allowable over the prior art as the prior art neither teaches or suggests an anhydrous, antiperspirant composition comprising a skin-adhering system comprising a skin-adhering polymer and one or more volatile solvents, an antiperspirant active, a thickening agent and an anhydrous carrier in which the skin-adhering polymer and the thickening agent are different.

The closest prior art is Schraer et al. (US Patent 6,274,127) in view of Swaile et al. (US Patent 6,149,897). Schraer et al. teaches an anhydrous antiperspirant comprising the elements of the composition except for the volatile solvent. Swaile et al.

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teaches another anhydrous antiperspirant with a possible anhydrous solvent being ethanol. Schraer teaches acrylate copolymers and silicone copolymers described as skin-adhering polymers in the present Specification; however, Schraer lists them as thickening agents. The present claims require that the skin-adhering polymer and thickening agent are different (claim 1) and are present in a specified ratio (claim 8).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

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